

Montgomery Gateway, East I and II  
In the vicinity of Montgomery Street;  
Monmouth Street; including buildings  
on Montgomery Street; and York Street.  
Jersey City  
Hudson County  
New Jersey

HABS No. NJ-868

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

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## MONTGOMERY GATEWAY EAST I AND II

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Location: In the vicinity of Montgomery and Monmouth Streets, including buildings on: Montgomery Street; Monmouth Street; Mercer Street; and, York Street. Jersey City, New Jersey.

Present Owner: Montgomery Gateway East Association, Suite 1307 60 Park Place, Newark, New Jersey 07102

Present Occupant and Use: Mostly vacant

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Significance: This area grew most rapidly during the last two decades of the 19th century as a residential neighborhood for the new immigrant population which was drawn to Jersey City by the expanding industrial and commercial nature of the Jersey City area. This growth concentrated on the undeveloped area between the traditional affluent community of Van Vorst Park and the new industrial area to the west.

Most of the Montgomery Gateway East area was made-up of four to five story tenement houses which sometimes contained commercial establishments on the lower level. Trenton bricks with brownstone or Ohio stone and terra cotta trim were the most common materials of the facades. These buildings were generally laid out as "railroad flats," on 25' x 100' lots. These buildings usually contained two families to each floor.

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PROJECT INFORMATION

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